

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1150

By Brown

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Derquazia Smartt, 2012 Valedictorian of Howard School of Academics and Technology.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Derquazia Smartt is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at Howard School of Academics and Technology; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Derquazia has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Smartt has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including rendering sterling service as a member of the Activity Committee, Superintendent Student Advisory Committee, and volleyball and track teams; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ms. Smartt was elected President of the National Honor Society, Class President, and Homecoming Queen; earned the highest scholastic average in both English and Math; and received recognition for her estimable writing abilities and for serving as a positive role model; and

WHEREAS, Derquazia's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she pursues higher education at Tennessee State University, where she plans to major in Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, Derquazia's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Mrs. Cynthia and Mr. Derrick Smartt, her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smartt's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2012 Howard School of Academics and Technology Valedictorian, Derquazia Smartt, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.